

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-116. (Cancelled)

117. (Currently Amended) A method for enabling a user to search for media programs, the method comprising:

enabling a user to record a first set of media programs in a first storage device associated with a digital personal video recorder (PVR);

storing media information corresponding to the recorded first set of media programs in the first storage device, the media information including information related to at least a title and media type for each media program;

receiving media information corresponding to a second set of media programs that are currently being broadcast;

receiving media information corresponding to a third set of media programs that are to be broadcast in the future;

storing the media information corresponding to the second and third sets of media programs in a second storage device;

providing to the user a search option to search for media programs;

responsive to the user activating the search option, enabling the user to enter a search term;

responsive to the user entering a search term, searching the first and second storage devices for media information having a high level of correlation with the search term; and

providing a list of media programs corresponding to the media information having a high level of correlation with the search term.

118. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 117, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, further enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on a

range of start times of the media programs, and wherein searching the first and second storage devices further comprises searching for media information corresponding to media programs having a start time within the range of start times.

119. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 118, wherein enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times comprises enabling the user to select a time period from a plurality of time periods.

120. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 119, wherein the user-selected time period is selected from time periods specified by dates.

121. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 120, wherein the dates are a dates.

122. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 120, wherein the dates are relative dates.

123. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 122, wherein the relative dates correspond to at least one of "Today Only", "Today and Tomorrow", and "Next 7 Days".

124. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 117, further comprising:
when the media information in the second storage device includes information indicating that a particular media program is a purchasable program, providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is a purchasable program.

125. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 124, wherein the particular media program is a video-on-demand program.

126. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 124, wherein the particular media program is a pay-per-view program.

127. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 124, further comprising: providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the media programs stored in the first storage device are programs recorded by the digital PVR.

128. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 117, further comprising: when the media information in the second storage device includes information indicating that a particular media program is available via a subscription service, providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is available via the subscription service.

129. (Cancelled)

130. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 117, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, further enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on video quality.

131. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 130, wherein the search criterion based on video quality includes a criterion based on whether or not the media program includes high-definition video signals.

132-148. (Cancelled)

149. (Currently Amended) An interactive media services system comprising: memory for storing media information, the media information including information related to a title, start time, and media type for each of a plurality of media programs; a software program stored in the memory, the software program comprising a plurality of executable functions; a processor configured to execute the software program, wherein executing the software program includes:

enabling a user to record in the memory a first set of media programs associated with a personal video recorder (PVR);

storing media information corresponding to the first set of recorded media programs in the memory;

receiving media information corresponding to a second set of media programs that are currently being broadcast or are to be broadcast in the future;

storing the media information corresponding to the second set of media programs in the memory;

providing to the user a search option to search for media programs;

responsive to the user activating the search option, enabling the user to enter a search term;

responsive to the user entering a search term, searching the memory for media information, corresponding to the first set of media programs and the second set of media programs, having a high level of correlation with the search term; and

providing a list of media programs corresponding to the media information having a high level of correlation with the search term.

150. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 149, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, further enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times of the media programs, and wherein searching the memory further comprises searching for media information corresponding to media programs having a start time within the range of start times.

151. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 150, wherein enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times comprises enabling the user to select a time period from a plurality of time periods.

152. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 151, wherein the user-selected time period is selected from time periods specified by dates.

153. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 152, wherein the dates are absolute dates.

154. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 152, wherein the dates are relative dates.

155. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 154, wherein the relative dates correspond to at least one of "Today Only", "Today and Tomorrow", and "Next 7 Days".

156. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 149, wherein, when the media information corresponding to the media programs that are currently being broadcast or are to be broadcast in the future includes information indicating that a particular media program is a purchasable program, executing the software program further comprises providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is a purchasable program.

157. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 156, wherein the particular media program is a video-on-demand program.

158. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 156, wherein the particular media program is a pay-per-view program.

159. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 156, further comprising:

providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the media programs stored in the storage device are programs recorded by the PVR.

160. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 149, further comprising:

when the media information in memory includes information indicating that a particular media program is available via a subscription service, providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is available via the subscription service.

161. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 149, wherein providing the list of media programs comprises providing the list on a television.

162. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 149, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, further enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on video quality.

163. (Previously Presented) The interactive media services system of claim 162, wherein the search criterion based on video quality is a criterion based on whether or not the media program includes high-definition video signals.

164. (Cancelled)

165. (New) The method of claim 117, wherein the PVR is a random-access PVR.

166. (New) The method of claim 117, wherein the PVR is a digital PVR.

167. (New) The method of claim 117, wherein the first storage device is a digital storage device.

168. (New) The method of claim 117, wherein the first storage device is a non-volatile storage device.

169. (New) The method of claim 117, wherein the first storage device is a random-access storage device.

170. (New) The method of claim 117, wherein the first storage device is different than the second storage device.

171. (New) A set-top terminal (STT) comprising:

a receiver configured to receive a plurality of media programs and a plurality of media information, each one of the plurality of media information corresponding to a respective one of the plurality of media programs;

a storage device in communication with a personal video recorder (PVR);

memory storing program code thereon;

a processor configured by the program code to:

record one of the plurality of media programs on the PVR;

store a first one of the plurality of media information on the storage device, the first one of the plurality of media information describing the recorded one of the plurality of media programs;

store a second one of the plurality of media information on the storage device, the second one of the plurality of media information describing media programs that are currently being broadcast or are to be broadcast in the future;

provide a search option to enable the user to enter a search term;

responsive to the search term, search the first and second ones of the plurality of media information to find media information having a high level of correlation with the search term; and

provide a list of media programs which correspond to the media information having a high level of correlation with the search term.

172. (New) The STT of claim 171, wherein the PVR is embodied within the STT.

173. (New) The STT of claim 171, wherein the PVR is external to the STT.

174. (New) The STT of claim 171, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, the processor is further configured to enable the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times of the media programs, and to search for media information corresponding to media programs having a start time within the range of start times.

175. (New) The STT of claim 174, wherein the processor enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times comprises enabling the user to select a time period from a plurality of time periods.

176. (New) The STT of claim 175, wherein the user-selected time period is selected from time periods specified by dates.

177. (New) The STT of claim 176, wherein the dates are absolute dates.

178. (New) The STT of claim 176, wherein the dates are relative dates.

179. (New) The STT of claim 176, wherein the dates are relative dates correspond to at least one of "Today Only", "Today and Tomorrow", and "Next 7 Days".

180. (New) The STT of claim 171, wherein, when the media information corresponding to the second set of media programs includes information indicating that a particular media program is a purchasable program, the processor is configured to provide, with

the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is a purchasable program.

181. (New) The STT of claim 180, wherein the purchasable program is a video-on-demand program.

182. (New) The STT of claim 180, wherein the purchasable program is a pay-per-view program.

183. (New) The STT of claim 180, wherein the processor is further configured to provide, with the list of media programs, an indication that the media programs corresponding to the first set of media programs are programs recorded by the PVR.

184. (New) The STT of claim 171, wherein, when the media information in the second storage device includes information indicating that a particular media program is available via a subscription service, the processor is further configured to provide, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is available via the subscription service.

185. (New) The STT of claim 171, wherein the processor is configured to display the list of media programs on a television.

186. (New) The STT of claim 171, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, the processor is further configured to enable the user to enter a search criterion based on video quality.

187. (New) The STT of claim 186, wherein the search criterion based on video quality is a criterion based on whether or not the media program includes high-definition video signals.